

Risk, Dreams & Imagination

The Cirque du Soleil was founded by a group of young street performers who shared a bold dream.

Now a world-renowned phenomenon, the Cirque remains grounded in a history where risk, dreams, and imagination can combine to produce a better reality for marginalized youth.



Betting that its presence could make a difference, the Cirque established its international headquarters in the low-income neighbourhood of Saint-Michel.

As a partner in *Vivre Saint-Michel en santé*, the Cirque has joined forces with the community, business, and the public sector to improve the quality of life in the area.

The Cirque is working to build a sense of inclusion through the creation of a community centre and is developing a cultural directory to recognize the diversity of cultural expression in the Saint-Michel community.

True to its roots, the Cirque focuses particularly on engaging marginalized youth. Over 150 neighbourhood children are active in *Arts Nomades*, a school-based initiative that introduces children to art and culture from around the world.



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